

REMARKS

Claims 1-32, 34-38, 44 and 45 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 4-8, 10-12, 15, 17-20, 23-28, 30 and 34-36 are amended and Claims 1-3, 21, 22 and 29 are cancelled, thereby leaving Claims 9, 13, 14, 16, 31, 32, 37, 38, 44 and 45 unchanged.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 9, 44 and 45 and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4, 5, 12, 14-17, 24, 30-32 and 38.

Claims 22, 23, 25-27, 29, 34 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,367,432. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 18-21, 28, 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over one of or a combination of U.S. Patent Nos. 2,367,432 and 5,542,183.

By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims and amended allowable dependent claims 4, 5, 12, 24 and 30 into independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reference is made to the previous Office action mailed on September 7, 2004 and Claims 4, 5 and 12, which were indicated as being allowable in the previous Office action. In response to the previous Office action, Applicant filed an Amendment on December 7, 2004 that amended the subject matter of independent claim 1 and kept Claims 4, 5 and 12 as dependent upon independent Claim 1. Applicant now amends Claims 4, 5 and 12 into independent form to include the subject matter of independent Claim 1 prior to the Applicant's Amendment filed on December 7, 2004. Accordingly, newly amended independent Claims 4, 5 and 12 are allowable.

Re-entry and consideration of previously withdrawn Claims 6 and 13 is respectfully requested because these claims depend from independent Claims 4 and 12, respectively, which have been identified as allowable and are generic.

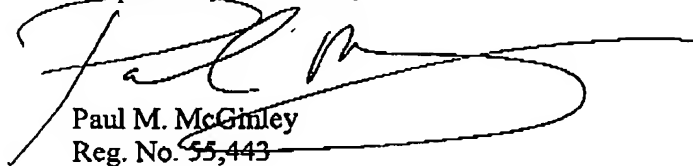
By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled the rejected subject matter, thereby leaving only allowed claims pending in the present application. Accordingly, the present application is in a condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in one or more continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment, re-entry and reconsideration of the withdrawn claims and allowance of Claims 4-20, 23-28, 30-32, 34-38, 44 and 45 are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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